

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 2
Mtg. Date October 3, 2017
Dept. Development Services Department

Item Title: **City of Lemon Grove ADA Transition Plan Update**

Staff Contact: Malik Tamimi, Management Analyst

Recommendation:

Discuss and provide feedback on the City of Lemon Grove ADA Transition Plan Update as outlined in the staff report (**Attachment A**).

Item Summary:

An ADA Transition Plan is a comprehensive and coordinated framework to ensure that the public has full access to city programs and facilities. The City of Lemon Grove adopted an ADA Transition Plan on August 4, 2015. The City will be updating the plan by assessing existing city facilities such as but not limited to city parks, Public Works Yard, City Hall as well as cost estimates per facility to meet ADA requirements. A description of the scope is described in the staff report (**Attachment A**). Staff recommends that City Council discuss and provide feedback on the scope of work for the ADA Transition Plan update.

Fiscal Impact:

Fifty thousand dollars through SANDAG Active Transportation Grant and ten thousand dollars in City Staff in-kind match.

Environmental Review:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section 15304 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

Public Information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 500 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting | |

Attachments:

- A. Staff Report

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Discussion

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities. ADA Transition Plans present how jurisdictions transition toward compliance with the Act and are intended to be updated periodically. The City of Lemon Grove applied and received grant funding through SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program (AGTP) to update the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Regulatory Background

On July 26, 1990, the United States Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act. This was a critical milestone in Civil Rights legislation for creating more inclusion and access for people with disabilities. Title II of the ADA requires that State and local government entities protect qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in services, programs, and activities provided by the State and local government entities. Title II of ADA requires State and local government entities to identify and evaluate all programs, activities, and services and review all policies, practices, and procedures to make them accessible to those with disabilities. ADA applies to facilities built before and after 1990.

City of Lemon Grove ADA Transition Plan

On August 4, 2015, the Lemon Grove City Council adopted the City of Lemon Grove ADA Transition Plan. The purpose of the Transition Plan was to provide a comprehensive and coordinated framework to ensure that the citizens of Lemon Grove have full access to City programs and facilities. The ability to accommodate disabled persons is essential for good customer service, the quality of life residents seek to enjoy, and for effective government. The ADA Transition Plan was developed to achieve the following:

1. Identify physical obstacles that limit the accessibility of facilities to individuals with disabilities;
2. Describe the methods and costs to make the facilities accessible;
3. Provide a schedule and funds for making the access modifications; and
4. Identify the public officials responsible for implementation of the Transition Plan.

The City's ADA Transition Plan was developed by in-house staff and identifies the City's Engineering Division as being responsible for the program, which is implemented through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The City's ADA Transition Plan also describes the program's implementation procedures that includes data gathering, evaluation, and ranking required to develop an inventory. Furthermore, it touches on accessibility of public rights-of-way, buildings, programs and services, communications, parking, accessible route and entry and lastly a grievance procedure. The ADA Transition Plan is required to be updated periodically until all accessibility barriers have been removed.

Attachment A

SANDAG Active Transportation Grant

On March 3, 2015, the Lemon Grove City Council approved the submittal of an application for ATGP funds through SANDAG for the preparation of an ADA Transition Plan. The City's grant application fell under the Non-Capital Planning category with a requested project funding amount of \$150,000 including an in-kind contribution of \$10,000. The grant was not awarded to the City of Lemon Grove for the ADA Transition Plan project. The City was compelled to move forward with the development of its own in-house ADA Transition Plan for a number of reasons, including it being a prerequisite to receiving federal transportation funding. The ADA Transition Plan that was adopted by the Lemon Grove City Council on August 4, 2015 met the minimum requirements but included room for enhancement and updates.

In late 2016, SANDAG reallocated available grant funding under the AGTP. A partial funding of \$50,000 became available through this program. SANDAG approached the City regarding the available funding referencing the 2015 ADA Transition Plan project. The City had already completed an ADA Transition Plan in August 2015; however, the existing plan would benefit from additional updates. The available grant funding would be used to hire a consultant with technical expertise in ADA to enhance and update the existing ADA Transition Plan while meeting the requirements of the ATGP. Below is a brief summary of the proposed scope of work and requested deliverables that will be released in a Request for Proposal.

1. **Summary Report:** Collect existing information and records to develop a summary report. This may include interviewing City staff to gain institutional knowledge, reviewing the City's ADA Transition Plan, and past Capital Improvement Project lists.
2. **Field Inspections:** Conduct field inspections of existing facilities. This includes generating a field inspection form, conducting field reconnaissance, coordinating inspections with facility managers. City facilities include but not limited to the following:
 1. Berry Street Park (7101 Mount Vernon Street)
 2. Civic Center Park (3200 Main Street)
 3. City Hall/Sheriff's Station (3232 & 3240 Main Street)
 4. Community Center (3146 School Lane)
 5. City Hall Annex (7853 Olive Street)
 6. Firefighters Park (School Lane/Central Avenue)
 7. Kunkel Park (8171 Lemon Grove Way)
 8. Lemon Grove Fire Station (7853 Central Avenue)
 9. Lemon Grove Park (Washington and Alton)
 10. Main Street Promenade (Between Olive & Lemon Grove Ave at Broadway)
 11. Mesa Valley Grove Senior Center (8235 Mt Vernon Street)
 12. Public Works Yard (2873 Skyline Drive)
 13. Recreation Center (3131 School Lane)
 14. Promenade Park (Broadway & Lemon Grove Avenue)
 15. Veteran's Park (Blossom Lane & Ildica Street)
3. **Existing Conditions Report:** Summarize the findings of the field inspections. This includes providing a summary of the existing conditions for City facilities as it pertains to ADA accessibility and including cost estimates for implementation into the CIP.
4. **Draft/Final Plan:** Prepare a draft and final plan with updates to the existing ADA Transition Plan including cost estimates per facility.

Attachment A

The AGTP agreement requires that the project be completed within a 24 month period, no later than July 2019. Staff anticipates completing the updated ADA Transition Plan well before the grant deadline and intend to return to City Council for feedback and adoption at a later date.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide feedback on the ADA Transition Plan update scope of work.